

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

# The City Of Augusta

## *Proclamation*

*IN RECOGNITION of “Fort Gordon Youth Challenge Academy’s Achievement Night”*

*WHEREAS, the number of young Georgians continue to drop out of school at alarming rates; and*

*WHEREAS, too many high school drop outs appear in the judicial system within five years of ceasing their education; and*

*WHEREAS, the Georgia National Guard’s Fort Gordon Youth Challenge Academy opened its doors in September 2000 to address this problem; and*

*WHEREAS, most of Georgia’s high school drop outs recognize that they need to get their lives back on track in order to become productive citizens; and*

*WHEREAS, these young men and women applied for acceptance to have a second opportunity to succeed; and*

*WHEREAS, more than 1,200 of Georgia’s youth have met the challenge and graduated from the Fort Gordon Youth Challenge Academy; and*

*WHEREASE, these graduates now attend college or technical school, have joined a branch of the armed forces, or hold down full time jobs; and*

*WHEREAS, these successful young men and women contribute to society and are outstanding citizens of communities in the CSRA and throughout Georgia.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim this night, February 25, 2005, to be “FORT GORDON YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY’S ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT” and urge that all stand to see this next generation of heroes and celebrate the feats of accomplishment these cadets have obtained.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 2005.*

*Mayor*